

Statewide Accounting of Untested Rape Kits

Chapter 65, 2015 Minnesota Session Law

Frequently asked questions

* Why do we need to complete this report?

The 2015 MN Legislature passed Senate File 878 which, among other things, requires all law enforcement agencies, and forensic laboratories to submit this report to the BCA by August 1, 2015. The BCA will then compile all the information into a final report for submission back to the legislature and the MN Attorney General.

* How do I return the report to the BCA?

The report should be emailed to the BCA at jim.iverson@state.mn.us.

* When is the report due?

The report is due by August 1, 2015.

* Do I need to complete a report if my agency has no untested rape kits?

Yes. There is a box near the top of the report form stating that the “Agency has no untested kits”. That box should be checked and the report sent to the BCA.

* The report form asks for a Local Agency Case # number – what if a case number was never generated?

Write the word ‘None’ and fill in the rest of the line for that kit.

* Do I need to include information on untested kits collected recently?

The statute states that all untested kits collected prior to July 1, 2015 and in your custody must be included on the report. Untested kits submitted to the BCA prior to July 1, 2015 will be reported by the BCA along with your agency information.

* Do I need to include information on other evidence related to the sexual assault?

No. Only information on untested rape kits is being requested. You do not need to report information relating to clothing, bedding, etc.

* Where can I get more information if I have additional questions?

You can get more information by contacting Jim Iverson at jim.iverson@state.mn.us (preferred) or 651-793-2900.